

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	No. 4:14CR150 JAR/TCM
v.)	No. 4:14CR152 RWS/NCC
)	No. 4:14CR175 AGF/DDN
ANWAR RAO, et al.,)	No. 4:14CR187 JAR/DDN
GREG SLOAN, et al.,)	
MARK PALMER, et al., and)	
PAMELA TABATT, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MOTION FOR ENTRY OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY

COMES NOW, the United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Richard G. Callahan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, and James C. Delworth, Jennifer A. Winfield, and Erin O. Granger, Assistant United States Attorneys for said District, and, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d), moves for the entry of a protective order, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. The indictments in the above referenced cases charge four distinct groups involved with manufacturing and distribution of synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones (hereinafter synthetic drugs). The indictments were obtained against each group as follows:

a) United States v. Anwar Rao, et al., No. 4:14CR150 JAR, charging 7 defendants; b) United States v. Greg Sloan, et al., No. 4:14CR152 RWS, charging 13 defendants; c) United States v. Mark Palmer, et al., No. 4:14CR175 AGF, charging 6 defendants; and d) United States v. Pamela Tabatt, et al., No. 4:14CR187 JAR, charging 3 defendants.

2. More specifically the defendants are charged with:

- a) Possession with the Intent to Distribute Schedule I Controlled Substances and Schedule I Controlled Substance Analogues Intended for Human Consumption, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841, 846 and 813;
- b) Receipt/Introduction of Misbranded Drugs into Interstate Commerce, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 331 and 333;
- c) Conspiracy to Launder Money, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956 and 1957;
- d) Conspiracy to Import Controlled Substances and Controlled Substance Analogues, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960 and 963;
- e) Conspiracy to Receive, Sell and Facilitate Transportation of Smuggled Goods, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 371 and 545, as well as a Forfeiture Allegation.

3. As previously detailed in other filings, the cases, while involving separate groups, overlap such that discovery for all four cases will be provided to all defendants.

4. The discovery provided and to be provided by the government in these cases includes sensitive information. The sensitive information includes but is not limited to bank records containing account numbers, e-mails, photographs and financial records. The material is too voluminous to redact this information. The unrestricted dissemination of this sensitive information could adversely affect the privacy interests of the defendants, co-defendants and/or third parties.

5. The Government has produced and will continue to produce the sensitive information to date only to the defendant in possession of the information at the time of seizure. The Government has requested each defendant who has received such information and had an opportunity to review the information to consent to its disclosure subject to this requested protective order.

6. Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 grants the Court power to regulate discovery through the entry of a protective order, allowing the Court “[a]t any time,” and upon a

showing of “good cause,” to “deny, restrict, or defer discovery or inspection[.]” Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d).

7. As an initial matter, the entry of the proposed protective order is consistent with Rule 16(d) because the discovery materials in this case implicate the privacy of co-defendants and third parties, and a district court may limit discovery for good cause under Rule 16(d). *See United States v. Lee*, 374 F.3d 637, 652 (8th Cir. 2004); *See also, United States v. Bulger*, 283 F.R.D. 46, 52 (D. Mass 2012). Moreover, disclosure of discovery materials beyond that permitted by the proposed protective order might compromise ongoing criminal investigations by revealing the details of uncharged criminal activity. *See United States v. Dorfman*, 690 F.2d 1230, 1233-34 (7th Cir. 1982); *In the Matter of the New York Times Co. b. Biaggi*, 828 F.2d 110, 115-16 (2d Cir. 1987).

8. Additionally, the discovery material in this case includes identifying information for individuals cooperating with law enforcement, the statements made by these cooperating individuals, as well as other information that could be used to identify the cooperating individuals and their families. The terms of the proposed protective order will allow law enforcement officials to investigate and protect, if necessary, the safety and wellbeing of individuals who are cooperating with the government’s investigation and who may be witnesses at trial.

9. Not only will the terms of the proposed protective order work to ensure witness safety and defendant privacy, the terms will also allow the government to engage in more fulsome discovery to the defendants at an earlier stage of the case (an obvious benefit to the defendants and their attorneys). Ensuring that the discovery materials tendered by the government are not subject

to unrestricted dissemination will allow the government to produce to the defendants materials to the defendants that they are not entitled to under Rule 16 at this stage of the case.

10. As an additional matter, entry of the protective order will protect the privacy rights of uncharged individuals and allow the government to continue its investigation. The discovery materials may contain information that identifies these uncharged individuals as well as the nature of their criminal activities. Protecting these matters from disclosure will ensure the privacy of these uncharged third parties, while also preserving the integrity of the government's ongoing criminal investigation.

11. In order to comply with Title 18, United States Code, section 3509(d), and to allow the defendant the greatest opportunity to prepare an effective defense in preparation for trial in this matter, the United States requests that a Protective Order be entered limiting disclosure of all discovery pursuant to the following restrictions:

a. The disclosed materials (discovery) will not be disseminated or disclosed to anyone who is not a part of the defense team as more fully described below.

b. The disclosed materials (discovery) and information contained therein will not be used for any purpose other than in the defense of these criminal cases.

c. Upon completion of the case, the materials and information will either be destroyed or sealed to prevent any future disclosure.

12. The United States further requests that the Protective Order limit who may obtain, review and/or examine the materials so described under the conditions set forth, for the sole purpose of preparing the defense and for no other purpose to the following individuals (the defense team):

- a. Counsel for defendant;
- b. Persons employed by defense counsel who are assisting with the preparation of the defense;
- c. Defendant, but only in the presence of his/her attorney;
- d. Any expert retained on behalf of the defendant to assist in the defense of this matter; and
- e. Any investigator retained on behalf of a defendant to assist in the defense of this matter.

13. The United States further requests that the Protective Order provide that any disputes concerning the Protective Order be resolved by this Court only after counsel for the United States and defendant have first conferred and attempted to resolve the dispute.

WHEREFORE, the government respectfully moves this Court to enter a Protective Order limiting the disclosure and usage of the discovery in these cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 17, 2014, the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon Counsel of Record.

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